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DEPT DISSEMINATE OTHER ADDEES AS DESIRED

1. AS OF 1700Z THESSALONIKI REGISTRATION CENTERS STILL CROWDED WITH REGISTRANTS. TRAVELERS ARRIVING FROM NEARBY COUNTRYSIDE ALSO REPORT SEEING LARGE GROUPS MEN PROCEEDING TO LOCAL CENTERS IN FESTIVE,SINGING MOOD.

2. MANY IF NOT ALL AIRLINE FLIGHTS HERE CANCELLED. TELE-
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PHONES AND TELEX CIRCUITS STILL OPEN BUT HEAVILY CROWDED.

3. NO KNOWN INCIDENTS TO MOMENT INVOLVING AMERICANS, WHO ARE BELIEVED ALL SAFE. CITY HAS TENSE, EMPTY ATMOSPHERE. ANATOLIA COLLEGE CAMPUS NO BEING USED FOR DISTRIBUTION UNIFORMS TO NEWLY INDUCTED SOLDIERS.

4. GREEK MALES, INCLUDING GREEK-AMERICANS, BEING BLOCKED FROM DEPARTING COUNTRY. LINE "TEN MILES LONG" REPORTED AT EVZONI CHECKPOINT ON YUGOSLAV BORDER BY TURNED-BACK GREEK AMERICAN.

5. LST'S NOS. 157 AND 173 NOW BEING LOADED WITH MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL, INCLUDING ARTILLERY UNITS EQUIPPED WITH 8-INCH, 155 TOWED AND SELF PROPELLED GUNS. ONE REPORT STATES AT LEAST TWO BATTALIONS INVOLVED, ANOTHER THAT EQUIPPED INFANTRY ALSO BEING EMBARKED. OTHER ARTILLERY AND INFANTRY UNITS DEPARTING CITY BY ROAD IN LONG COLUMNS. QUALIFIED OBSERVERS HERE (US) BELIEVE CITY WILL BE EMPTIED OF BULK OF MILITARY UNITS TONIGHT.

6. GREEK ARMY OFFICER AT LANDSOUTHEAST COMMAND POST WHO PREVENTED U.S. SENIOR FROM EXERCISING DUTIES (PARA. 6 REFTEL) RELIEVED BY GREEK BGEN SENIOR REP. UPON LATTER'S RETURN TO THESSALONIKI THIS AFTERNOON.

7. BARGE IN THESSALONIKI HARBOR LAYING LARGE (BATTLESHIP-TYPE) BUOYS THIS AFTERNOON, SEEN AS POSSIBLE EXPECTATION OF MORE SHIPS TO BE LOADED OUT OF HERE. AS REPORT WRITTEN GREEK PATROL CRAFT (PL-70) ENTERING HARBOR. NO RPT NO US FLAG VESSELS NOW IN PORT OF THESSALONIKI. NOTE: LST L-173 (PARA. 5) DEPARTED AT 1750Z.
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